

STATE OF TASMANIA  
MONTHLY STATISTICS - JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1944

RAILWAYS.

|                                   |      | 1943     | 1943      | 1943      | 1944     |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                                   |      | January. | November. | December. | January. |
| Gross Revenue                     | £    | 73,190   | 65,279    | 81,088    | 73,203   |
| Working costs, excl. Interest     | £    | 68,147   | 82,595    | 87,373    | 86,186   |
| Train miles run (inc. Rail Motor) | No.  | 183,173  | 172,818   | 180,921   | 179,578  |
| Passenger Journeys                | No.  | 267,706  | 227,214   | 305,925   | 246,444  |
| Goods and Live Stock              | Tons | 73,530   | 76,356    | 79,457    | 69,082   |

ELECTRIC POWER - Units generated by

|   | 1943       | 1944       | 1944       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
|   | February.  | January.   | February.  |
| Hydro-Electric Department                   | 50,367,700 | 59,342,000 | 58,733,200 |
| Mt. Lyell Mining & Railway Co.)             |            |            |            |
| Launceston City Council.                    |            |            |            |
| Pioneer Tin Mining Co.                      |            |            |            |
| Small plants, estimated                     | 4,702,369  | 5,229,132  | 5,226,264  |
| Total Units                                 | 55,070,069 | 64,571,132 | 63,959,464 |
| Units supplied to Hobart Metropolitan Area: | 36,869,333 | 34,570,200 | 33,016,433 |
| " " " Launceston & Suburbs                  | 2,620,582  | 2,703,666  | 2,851,669  |

EMPLOYMENT. Number of employees stated to be on the last payroll in the month of  
all employers making Payroll Tax Returns.

| Particulars.               | December, 1942. |         |        | December, 1943. |         |        |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------|
|                            | Males           | Females | Total  | Males           | Females | Total  |
| Private Employers:         |                 |         |        |                 |         |        |
| Primary Industries         | 1,366           | 197     | 1,563  | 1,376           | 195     | 1,571  |
| Mining and Quarrying       | 2,649           | 30      | 2,679  | 2,717           | 34      | 2,751  |
| Factories & Industrial     | 11,033          | 3,790   | 14,823 | 11,519          | 4,164   | 15,683 |
| Building & Construction    | 1,008           | 26      | 1,034  | 748             | 25      | 773    |
| Transport & Communication  | 2,364           | 95      | 2,459  | 2,492           | 102     | 2,594  |
| Commerce and Finance       | 4,263           | 3,250   | 7,513  | 4,244           | 3,204   | 7,448  |
| Other Industries           | 669             | 1,191   | 1,860  | 711             | 1,319   | 2,030  |
| Total Private Employers    | 23,352          | 8,579   | 31,931 | 23,807          | 9,043   | 32,850 |
| Govt. & Semi-Governmental: |                 |         |        |                 |         |        |
| Total Governmental         | 8,551           | 2,052   | 10,603 | 7,963           | 2,133   | 10,096 |
| Grand Total all Returns    | 31,903          | 10,631  | 42,534 | 31,770          | 11,176  | 42,946 |

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS.

|                               | 1943 |        | 1944 |         | 1944 |         |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|------|---------|------|---------|
|                               | No.  | £      | No.  | £       | No.  | £       |
| Value of Land Transfers       | 116  | 49,045 | 191  | 128,932 | 206  | 95,358  |
| " " Mortgages Registered      | 32   | 17,210 | 62   | 54,376  | 56   | 121,248 |
| " " " Discharged              | 79   | 40,501 | 104  | 46,777  | 133  | 66,459  |
| " " " partially Dis.          | 7    | 1,901  | 7    | 2,025   | 10   | 1,252   |
| Registration under Deeds Act. |      |        |      |         |      |         |
| Value of Conveyances          | 57   | 33,448 | 40   | 24,753  | 76   | 72,906  |
| " " Mortgages                 | 25   | 10,895 | 19   | 51,021  | 34   | 57,777  |
| " " Reconveyances             | 51   | 24,825 | 34   | 23,332  | 65   | 57,861  |

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

|  | 1943       | 1944       | 1944       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | February.  | January.   | February.  |
|  | £          | £          | £          |
| Commonwealth Savings Bank              | 3,203,509  | 4,195,667  | 4,331,833  |
| Trustee Savings Banks - Hobart, L'ton. | 7,324,266  | 8,666,786  | 8,941,840  |
|  | 10,527,775 | 12,862,453 | 13,273,673 |

BANK CLEARINGS.

|            | 1943      | 1944      | 1944      |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|            | February. | January.  | February. |
|            | £         | £         | £         |
| Hobart     | 3,121,156 | 4,092,291 | 3,620,236 |
| Launceston | 1,360,113 | 2,211,232 | 1,451,242 |

BUTTER PRODUCTION.

|            | 1943      | 1943      | 1943      | 1944     | 1944      |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|            | February. | November. | December. | January. | February. |
| Butter lb. | 749,186   | 1,095,696 | 1,326,861 | 997,683  | 738,197   |

FINANCE. February, 1943 and 1944.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Receipts.

Payments.

| <u>February</u>   |          | <u>8 months</u> |            | <u>February</u> |          | <u>8 months</u> |            |
|---|----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1943  | 1944     | 1942-43         | 1943-44    | 1943            | 1944     | 1942-43         | 1943-44    |
| £172,878  | £217,768 | £1,797,332      | £1,953,829 | £188,246        | £196,004 | £2,273,177      | £2,246,336 |
| Excess of Payments over receipts for 8 months ended 29th. February, 1944: |          |                 |            |                 |          | £292,501        |            |
| " " " " " " " " " 28th. February, 1943:                                   |          |                 |            |                 |          | £475,845        |            |

MOTOR REGISTRATION. (Exclusive of Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles) - February, 1944  
(Civil and Defence Services).

|  | <u>Lorries</u> | <u>Utilities.</u> | <u>Motor</u>   | <u>Cars &amp; Other</u> |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|  | <u>tc.</u>     |                   | <u>Cycles.</u> | <u>Vehicles.</u>        |
| No. on Register at 1.2.1944            | 3,216          | 2,684             | 2,489          | 16,250                  |
| Lapsed Registrations                   | 257            | 191               | 212            | 1,116                   |
|  | 2,959          | 2,493             | 2,277          | 15,134                  |
| <u>Registrations - February, 1944.</u> |                |                   |                |                         |
| New Vehicles                           | 55             | 1                 | -              | 1                       |
| Used Vehicles                          | 277            | 257               | 227            | 1,370                   |
| No. on Register end February, 1944     | 3,291          | 2,751             | 2,504          | 16,505                  |
| No. on Register end February, 1943     | 2,983          | 2,455             | 2,401          | 15,587                  |

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

Cost of Food and Groceries.  
(6 Capitals in 1923-27 as Base = 1000)

|                            | <u>1943</u>      | <u>1943</u>      | <u>1944</u>     | <u>1944</u>      |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                            | <u>February.</u> | <u>December.</u> | <u>January.</u> | <u>February.</u> |
| Hobart                     | 1043             | 1034             | 1035            | 1026             |
| Launceston                 | 1006             | 990              | 989             | 979              |
| Burnie                     | 1070             | 1081             | 1084            | 1084             |
| Devonport                  | 1042             | 1030             | 1032            | 1033             |
| Queenstown                 | 1129             | 1115             | 1120            | 1122             |
| Weighted Average, Tasmania | 1035             | 1024             | 1025            | 1017             |
| Rosebery                   | 1153             | 1143             | 1149            | 1149             |

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

|              | <u>Net Sales of Taxable</u> | <u>Net Taxable</u> | <u>Sales Tax</u>  |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|              | <u>and Exempt Goods.</u>    | <u>Sales.</u>      | <u>Collected.</u> |
|              | £                           | £                  | £                 |
| <u>1943.</u> |                             |                    |                   |
| February     | 844,906                     | 237,307            | 31,561            |
| December     | 874,436                     | 305,092            | 40,074            |
| <u>1944.</u> |                             |                    |                   |
| January      | 810,376                     | 257,178            | 32,675            |
| February     | 888,187                     | 282,718            | 38,146            |

BUILDING PERMITS. March, 1944 and 1943.

| <u>Month.</u> | <u>New Buildings for Habitation.</u> |                        | <u>New Buildings for Other Purposes.</u> |                        | <u>Alterations &amp; Additions.</u> |                        | <u>Totals.</u>     |                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|               | <u>Permits No.</u>                   | <u>Contract Price.</u> | <u>Permits No.</u>                       | <u>Contract Price.</u> | <u>Permits No.</u>                  | <u>Contract Price.</u> | <u>Permits No.</u> | <u>Contract Price.</u> |
|               |                                      | £                      |  | £                      |                                     | £                      |                    | £                      |
| <u>1944.</u>  |                                      |                        |  |                        |                                     |                        |                    |                        |
| March         | -                                    | -                      | 2  | 115                    | 6                                   | 1,130                  | 8                  | 1,245                  |
| <u>1943.</u>  |                                      |                        |  |                        |                                     |                        |                    |                        |
| March         | 1                                    | 500                    | -  | -                      | 9                                   | 2,755                  | 10                 | 3,255                  |

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